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In re Application of:

Mariko OKAMOTO et al.

Application No.: 09/667,420

Filed: September 21, 2000

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Office Action dated September 17, 2002, the period for response to which having been extended to January 17, 2003, by the concurrently-filed petition for extension of time and fee, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 35, 37, 38, 40, and 41, as follows:

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